

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(25)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

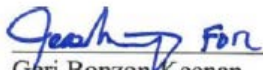
DATE: November 7, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding in an amount of \$5,000,000.00 for the purchase and improvement of real property in Miami-Dade County for the purpose of creating permanent affordable housing with supportive services; waiving requirements of Resolution No. R-764-13 limiting the number of state legislative priorities; amending Resolution No. R-811-23 to include this item as an additional state legislative priority for the 2024 session

Resolution No. R-1030-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-7-23

RESOLUTION NO. R-1030-23

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES; WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION NO. R-764-13 LIMITING THE NUMBER OF STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-811-23 TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM AS AN ADDITIONAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY FOR THE 2024 SESSION

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners created the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust (“Homeless Trust”) to address the issue of homelessness within Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 30 years, the Homeless Trust has overseen, planned, operated and coordinated housing and services for people experiencing and at risk of homelessness in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, by successfully leveraging a first-in-the-nation dedicated source of funding, which has been effectively combined with local, state and federal resources, the Homeless Trust has created arguably the most dynamic and coordinated homeless system of care in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Trust has effectively ended veteran homelessness, a designation recognized by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, created thousands of units of permanent and supportive housing exclusively for people

experiencing homelessness, in partnership with public housing authorities, affordable housing developers and landlords, and most recently secured federal grant awards in excess of \$29,000,000.00 to further combat unsheltered and youth homelessness; and

WHEREAS, under the Trust's leadership, unsheltered homelessness in Miami-Dade County has been reduced by nearly 90 percent; and

WHEREAS, despite the tremendous progress and the best efforts of the Homeless Trust, Miami-Dade County continues to feel the impacts of the affordable housing crisis and the lack of affordable housing options; and

WHEREAS, first time homelessness in Miami-Dade County has skyrocketed and the continuing fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, increased inflation, the closing of unsafe structures following the Surfside collapse and increased migrant inflow have further strained available resources; and

WHEREAS, some of those hit hardest by the lack of affordable housing are seniors on fixed incomes and disabled individuals who cannot bear the unreasonable rent increases that are becoming all too common; and

WHEREAS, to address these needs, the Homeless Trust is now working aggressively to acquire and renovate properties to create new permanent housing opportunities with supportive services for persons within the continuum of care, with a particular emphasis on seniors and the disabled,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Incorporates and approves the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for the purchase and improvement of real property in Miami-Dade County for the purpose of creating permanent affordable housing with supportive services.

Section 3. Waives the requirements of Resolution No. R-764-13 limiting the number of state legislative priorities and amends Resolution No. R-811-23 to include this item as an additional state legislative priority for the 2024 session.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 5. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in section 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 State Legislative Package to include this item as a priority.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	absent
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye
Marleine Bastien	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	absent
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye
Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Sen. René García	aye
Keon Hardemon	absent
Eileen Higgins	absent
Raquel A. Regalado	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of November, 2023. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon D. Summerset-Williams", is written over a horizontal line.

Shannon D. Summerset-Williams